

FRUIT BLIGHT IS SUBJECT OF TALK

Professor Brown Tells How to Fight Disease at Grange

BLIGHT THREATENS ORCHARDS

Careful Summer Pruning Suggested as Remedy

Prof. Brown, horticulturist of the Oregon Agricultural College, sounded the alarm on the menace of the blight to the fruit industry of this section in a talk at the meeting of the Malheur County Pomona Grange held last evening in the grove on Tom Lowe's place.

While dealing exhaustively with the various pests of the orchards Prof. Brown stated that in his opinion the greatest threat, and that, unless very promptly conquered would wipe out the fruit industry in this part of the state.

While it is impossible to do justice in a short article to the address given by Prof. Brown and the radical thorough methods he advocated, it may be stated that in general the policy is one of summer pruning, cutting out all of the infected wood and the terminal buds have been set. This method it is known that there is no undue stimulation of wood growth, the new wood being that which is most susceptible to the attacks of the disease. Particularly did he warn against the use of the knife without proper methods of sterilization, the disease often being spread by the operator, making the pruning in itself one of the most potent methods of spreading the disease.

County Agriculturalist Howard talked over and advocated new methods of cultivation, particularly in ditching, irrigation, particularly in ditching, furrows for irrigating, according to this method, should be put in during the early development of the corn.

It should be furrowed out at each seeding cultivation, to keep the soil development below the level of the ditch when finally run out for irrigation. A large number of selections were rendered in a truly artistic manner.

Local Committee Signs Agreement on Rates

It Brought Before Railroad Commission Regarding Telephone Rates Settled Out of Court.

A suit filed by the committee of the Commercial Club with the Railroad Commission to prevent rate increases in rates by the Malheur Home Telephone Co. has been settled following the signing of an agreement by representatives of the committee and the committee from the Commercial Club last week. It was agreed to maintain the rates that were in force Jan. 1, 1911. Free exchanges between the Ontario office, Fruitland, Nyssa and the Owyhee district will be continued. The rate for rural telephones will be \$1.50 a month if paid six months in advance and \$2 a month if paid monthly.

The suit was brought before the Railroad Commission last February. The committee from the Commercial Club consisted of G. L. King, H. C. Boyer and Jacob Prinzing.

MANY PRIZES AWARDED.

Ontario exhibitors at the San Francisco Exposition have been awarded a large number of prizes, a list of which has been received from A. M. Lackey who is in charge of the exhibits from this part of the state at the Oregon building. The following have won awards with their exhibits:

CROPS ARE FINE.

Crop conditions in the section near New Plymouth are reported to be excellent. There is in the section a greatly increased acreage planted to wheat, oats, and barley. Many orchards this year have been planted to grain. Indications are that the average grain yield will be higher and the fruit is in excellent condition. Buyers from eastern firms are already in the country looking over the crop though as yet no offers have been made.

PAYETTE YOUTH ENDS OWN LIFE

Poor Health is Cause of Radical Act of T. Sheppard

Despondency over ill-health is given as the reason for the suicide of Thomas Sheppard, age 18 years, at Payette last Sunday. He was the son of A. B. Sheppard. He had brooded over his health which had prevented his taking part with the militia in the recent encampment at Boise and he had told a friend that he was discouraged and that he did not know what he might do.

He left his home Sunday morning with a gun saying he was going to shoot rabbits. Later his body was found in an old shed a mile southwest of Payette.

ADD TWO TRAINS.

Heavy travel to the California exhibitions has made necessary an increase in facilities for handling the passengers on the O. S. L. Eastbound train No. 4 and Westbound No. 19 are now running in two sections thus virtually adding a new train each way.

NEW BRICK BUILDING.

T. H. Moore is erecting another store building just south of the building occupied by the Oregon Packing Co. The new structure will be built of brick and will be fifteen feet wide and sixty feet long. So far he does not know who will occupy the building when it is completed.

Music was furnished for the occasion by the Kingman Kolony orchestra which lighted the audience with a number of vocal selections.

Medal of Honor

Eastern Oregon, exhibit of five counties. J. A. Lackey, Director, Ontario, Malheur county, Oregon. F. F. McCully, Assistant, Joseph, Walla Walla county, Oregon.

Silver Medal

Corn—Fred Bender, Ontario; E. Butler, Ontario; F. C. Frye, Nyssa; V. V. Hickok, Ontario; E. B. Pennington, Nyssa; Bert. Robertson, Big Bend.

Bronze Medal

Corn—A. Bradney, Big Bend; J. M. Butler, Ontario; Charles Bradley, Nyssa; W. T. Connant, Nyssa; Stephen Cox, Ontario; L. D. Gordon, Ontario; Harvey Hatch, Big Bend; Arthur Holley, Big Bend; Dan Holley, Big Bend; A. M. Johnson, Nyssa; Henry Johnston, Ontario; T. J. Johnston, Ontario. Sheep Oats—George Ebell, Baker. Sheep Millet—W. A. Gossett, Baker.

Sheaf Barley—J. Licklider, Baker. Winter Oats—J. E. Locey, Ironside. Wheat—C. W. Mallett, Ontario. Oats—H. McKinney, Baker. Sheaf Wheat and Barley—George Miller, Baker.

Barley—S. W. Ross, Nyssa. Honorable Mention

Corn—J. W. Penkins, Ontario. Timothy and Rye Seed—J. Ross Leslie, Joseph.

No Award

Timothy Sheaf and Seed—John Fisher, Haines.

DEVELOPMENT WORK IS STOPPED

Claims Located as Placer Filed on Under Quartz Act

CASE WILL GO TO COURT

Suit to be Tried Before Development Work Can Proceed

A legal tangle has for the present stopped work on all the development of the nitrate beds recently discovered by A. M. Lackey and sold to a company of people in Chicago who have organized the American Nitrate Co. A. M. Lackey and his associates first filed on the claims as quartz but acting on advice from Washington D. C. relocated them as placer claims. After the sale had been made to the Company about sixty men relocated the claims as quartz and by this action stopped all work on the ground until a court decision can be rendered. The American Nitrate Co. has retained McCulloch & Wood of Ontario, and Hawley and Hawley of Boise, to represent them in the court action. The case will probably be tried in the Federal Court in Portland.

The American Nitrate Co. had a large number of men on the fields making preliminary surveys to determine as accurately as possible the quality and quantity of the potassium and sodium salts present. Preliminary investigations indicate that the discovery is of great importance. However it will be impossible to say just how valuable the beds are until the survey has been completed. In all about sixty thousand acres have been located.

AMERICAN NOTICE IS SENT TO THE BRITISH

Washington.—Secretary Lansing made public a paraphrase of the note presented by Ambassador Page to the British government to conserve the rights of American citizens in cases being tried by British prize courts. It has no relation, he said, to the general note on contraband still in course of preparation. The paraphrase issued by the state department follows: "In view of differences which are said to exist between the two governments as to the principles of law applicable in prize court proceedings in cases involving American interests, and in order to avoid any misunderstanding as to the attitude of the United States in regard to any such proceedings, the government of the United States informs the British government that insofar as the rights of American citizens are concerned, it will insist upon their rights under the principles and rules of international law as heretofore established governing neutral trade in time of war, without limitation or impairment by orders in council or other municipal legislation by the British government, and will not recognize the validity of prize court proceedings taken under restraints imposed by British municipal law in derogation of the rights of American citizens under international law."

PANKHURST HEADS PARADE

British Suffragettes Ask to Be Employed in Munition Factories.

London.—Enormous crowds of women thronged Victoria embankment, despite a drizzling rain, to participate in the women's procession voicing the demand that the British government utilize women in the work of making ammunition and in replacing the men. It is estimated that 50,000 marchers, led by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, founder of the Women's Social Political Union, were in the ranks, which contained many noted women, including Lady Colebrook, Lady Knollys and Mrs. Waldorf Aster.

COCKRUMS TO CALIFORNIA

A. L. Cockrum and wife and son Arthur Cockrum left last Friday in their Hudson "Six" touring car for a trip to the California Expositions. The route is via Burns, Lakeview, Althras, and Redding to Sacramento. They expected to make Sacramento in four days and will remain there several days visiting friends. From there they will go to San Francisco and San Diego and will spend several weeks in touring California. The car has been splendidly equipped for the trip.

QUIET WEDDING IS BIG SURPRISE

Ray Duncan And Sheila Lackey Married Tuesday

On Tuesday, at high noon, July 20, 1915, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lackey in Ontario, Oregon, occurred the wedding of Ray R. Duncan to Miss Sheila Lackey, Rev. Philip Koenig of the Congregational church officiating.

Both bride and groom are too well known in Ontario and Malheur county to need any introduction to our people.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lackey. She was educated and reared in our midst, graduating from our city schools a few years ago, and teaching several terms of school in the county.

The groom is a young man of many sterling qualities, a man of ability and means, who is honored and respected by all who know him. They will be at home on their splendid farm near Ironside.

They left Ontario by auto early Tuesday evening, taking with them the congratulations of many friends and acquaintances, who rejoice with them in their bright future.

Industrial Accident Fund Grows.

Salem.—As a result of an announcement by the state industrial accident commission that under the compensation act employers who made contributions to the accident fund for six months prior to July 1 would be entitled to an exemption of their payments for July, \$49,139.99 has been paid into the fund during the first 17 days of this month by employers who desire to receive the benefit of the exemption.

The exemption for July was made by the commission after it had been found that the accident fund was unusually large. Through employers and workmen are granted freedom from paying the July contribution, they will enjoy the same protection and benefits from the fund as though the payments had been made.

MOONSHINING IS ALLEGED

Still in Wilds of McKenzie River Mountains is Raided by Sheriff.

Eugene.—For five years moonshine whiskey has found its way into Eugene, say the officers, and furthermore they declare they have known that it was manufactured on the McKenzie river, and have known the identity of its manufacturers all the time. For five years these two men are said to have so terrorized the neighborhood that no assistance to the officers has been available. The mountains are wild and rugged.

Two men, whom the officers say are the offenders, are in jail charged with the illicit manufacture of liquor. A still, hidden in the brush of the pocket of the McKenzie river mountains, 30 miles east of Eugene, was raided.

The men are James Williams and Mark Broom. The latter lives with a family in Springfield, and the other lives in the mountains. It is these men whom the officers have shadowed almost in vain for five years.

Broom was arrested early in the morning hours before daybreak after a sensational 20-mile chase, in which Sheriff Parker, in a motor car, overtook him before he reached safety in the mountains. He was heavily armed, but submitted to arrest without resistance. In the vehicle was a five-gallon keg of moonshine whiskey.

"We can tell it is moonshine whiskey because there is none other like it," said Mr. Parker. The officers say it has been sold as "white mule" whiskey because of its "kick."

IMPORTANT AFFAIRS ARE CONSIDERED

Pop Corn Day to Advertise Maheur County at Fair

COUNTY FAIR PLANS MADE

City Organizations Will Help in Boys' Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Ontario Commercial Club was held at the City Hall Monday evening. Both the attendance and enthusiasm were good and a number of important matters were discussed during the evening.

J. R. Blackaby reported on his trip to the fair at San Francisco and was strongly of the opinion that the county should have more advertising in the Eastern Oregon Booth in the Oregon Building. The Willamette Valley exhibitors adopted a novel method of attracting people to their exhibit and to the Oregon Building. They had a cherry day and in all about ten thousand bags of cherries were given away to the visitors who came to the building. The Salem exhibitors had charge of the cherry day. Another section of the valley is planning a loganberry day. Mr. Blackaby suggested that since Malheur county has an abundance of excellent corn land that a popcorn day could be held to good advantage. Following his suggestion the club voted to purchase about five hundred pounds of Malheur popcorn and send it to J. A. Lackey who has charge of the Eastern Oregon Exhibit. It was estimated that the five hundred pounds would be sufficient to make ten thousand bags of popcorn. The publicity committee will prepare a card with some snappy advertising matter on it to place in each bag that is given away. The Oregonian Correspondent at the Fair has endorsed the plan and will do all he can to insure good publicity for the event which will bring Malheur county to the front for at least one day at the Exposition.

The business matters connected with the holding of the county fair in the Fall came up for a full discussion. The general sentiment of the meeting was that the fair should be held and that the financial arrangements necessary for its success should be made before the fair directors had got into the plans too far. The necessity of hearty support on the part of all interested persons in the community was urged on those present. W. T. Lampkin suggested that the premium lists should be made up as quickly as possible and sent to all prospective exhibitors in the county. It was also suggested that provision should be made for awards to exhibitors from Idaho who usually have made exhibits at the fair. A motion was made that a committee be appointed to arrange for the finances of the fair.

Rev. Brown spoke to the club asking it to extend an invitation to Mr. Rhodes, the General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Oregon and Idaho, to hold the Annual Boys' Conference in Ontario. This Conference has been held for the last three years in Payette, Nampa and Caldwell and has usually been attended by about one hundred and fifty boys ranging in age from fifteen to twenty one. The Y. M. C. A. officers arrange for the three days' program, and entertainment for the boys is provided by the citizens who take them into their homes. Rev. Brown, Rev. Koenig and Dr. Weese are interested in having the boys come to Ontario and are enlisting the support of as many organizations as they can. On motion of E. A. Fraser the Commercial Club voted to send the invitation to have the conference here. The date set is Dec. 10 to 12. Boys will be present from a wide section in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho.

W. W. Howard, County Agriculturalist, is spending several days this week in touring the county with Dean Corndray and Professor Ralph D. Hetzel of the Oregon Agricultural College. The party left Monday for the Burns country.

MOVES TO ONTARIO.

Emory Hill, who has been farming for a number of years at Steins Mountain, has sold his property there and has moved to Ontario. He has a daughter ready to enter High School and the move was made in order that the family might be near a High School. Mr. Hill has rented the old residence of A. M. Lackey next to the G. W. Long place. He expects to go into business in Ontario but has not yet decided what he will do.

HORSES SOLD FOR FRENCH CAVALRY

Carter and Glen Sell 30 Head in Last Sale

Thirty two head of horses were sold last week by C. C. Carter to the Smith and Gilpin Contracting Co. of New York. The horses were bought for use in the French Cavalry and the prices ranged from one hundred to one hundred twenty dollars. Twenty three of the horses were shipped to Chicago. The rest will be shipped later when the inspectors return for further purchases. The inspectors went from here to Walla Walla and expect to return in about two weeks.

There has been numerous reports recently that the European governments were taking their horse buyers off of the field but there does not seem to be much change in the demand and the inspectors are kept busy looking over horses brought in by local buyers throughout the country.

Investigation Fixes Blame for Disaster

London.—"Torpedoes fired by a submarine of German nationality" caused the loss of the steamship Lusitania and its passengers, according to the findings of the court of inquiry appointed to investigate the disaster. The court held that no blame for the tragedy attached either to Captain Turner, commander of the vessel, or the Cunard line, the owners.

Mayor Will Not Resign.

Petrograd.—American Ambassador Mayre denied a report that he was to resign. He said he had heard nothing of the rumor until shown a cable dispatch from the United States.

Care for Serbian Babies.

Washington.—The American Red Cross will establish a baby hospital in Serbia. About \$6300 already has been contributed.

MEETINGS CLOSED.

Rev. Harry Hays, district superintendent for the Nazarene Church, who has been holding meetings in a tent at the cross-roads east of the bridge left for Nampa Monday. The meetings were fairly well attended considering that it is the busy time for the farmers in the section. Rev. Hays will start a meeting soon at Burns.

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The annual picnic of the Knights of Pythias will be held next Sunday at McGregor's Grove. All members of the lodge with their families and friends are invited to attend. A basket dinner will be held.

LAST WOOL IS SOLD THIS WEEK

Eastern Parties Purchase About 60,000 Pounds

SEASONS CROP NOT LARGE

Sheep Fewer in Numbers Than For Many Years

The wool season was practically closed this week with the sale of about sixty thousand pounds through the M. M. Co.'s warehouse. Wm. McLain of Steins Mountain sold 20,000 pounds, W. D. Hoffman of Wild Horse 10,000 pounds and J. H. Neal of Barren Valley 30,000 pounds. The price obtained was very satisfactory. The purchaser was J. M. Johnson representing Boston Manufacturers.

The wool crop this year in Eastern Oregon has been about thirty per cent less than in 1914. This is due to the fact that the high price for sheep last fall tempted many sheep men to sell a large part of their flock and as a result fewer sheep were wintered in the Eastern Oregon country than for many years. The easy winter also affected the crop seriously as the yield per head was about two pounds less than the average. The prices this year have been very satisfactory ranging from 18 to 21 cents for fine wool and 24 to 26 cents for the coarse wool.

Senator Chamberlain Pays Visit to Ontario

Ontario Men Meet Democratic Solon And Talk Over Matters Affecting Eastern Oregon.

George E. Chamberlain, senior U. S. Senator from Oregon was a visitor in Ontario Tuesday evening, leaving for Burns Wednesday morning. Senator Chamberlain is making a tour of the state with a view to determining the needs of the various sections so that he will be able to act on matters that affect the interests of the state from first hand information.

A delegation of Ontario citizens met the senator at the train and escorted him to the Moore Hotel. A short auto ride after dinner was followed by an informal meeting at the city hall where for several hours Senator Chamberlain talked over some of the leading issues of the day with a group of business and professional men of the city.

The subjects taken up for discussion were the irrigation prospects for this section of the country, the parcels post, and general business conditions. Senator Chamberlain explained that the national irrigation fund was a revolving fund and would all in time come back into the treasury when it could again be used for irrigation projects. He said that part of this money was already coming back into the treasury and he expressed the hope that the Malheur project would be taken up as soon as funds were available. He also made the point that the government officials had learned a good deal from the experiences with the projects that have al-

ready been completed and that probably the projects taken up in the future would be carried out more successfully for all concerned. The senator declared that the parcels post system needed radical revision so that freight could not be shipped at the expense of the mailcarriers in the rural districts. The increased cost of carrying the mails has led to higher bids and as a result the government has refused to renew contracts on many routes where mail service is badly needed. He also said that eastern parties would often make bids on carrying the mail when they were not familiar with road conditions in this country and would of course not be able to make anything under the contracts they had signed.

MANY PERMITS ISSUED.

During the quarter ending June 30, 1915, the State Engineer issued 196 permits to appropriate water, including 9 for the storage of water in reservoirs. While most of the permits issued cover small developments the estimated cost of all such developments aggregate \$734,000, involving the construction of 248 miles of canal lines, for the irrigation of 21,164 acres of land and the development of 4,254 horsepower.

Dr. H. H. Whitney made a trip to Boise last Monday.